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For : LOCKING DEVICE SUSTAINING HIGH PRESSURE
FOR COFFEE MAKER LID

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Sir/Madam:

**COMMUNICATION TO SUBMIT ISSUE FEE AND COMMENTS ON THE
EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

This Communication is being filed to submit the Issue Fee and Applicants' comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2004. Therefore, the deadline to pay the Issue Fee is three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance, or March 17, 2005. The deadline for Applicants to submit any comments on the Examiner's reasons for allowance is before the payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, the Issue Fee and the Applicants' comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance are being timely submitted.

Applicants hereby submit a check in the amount of FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,400.00) for the Issue Fee, a check in the

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amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for the Publication Fee, and a check in the amount of THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) for Advanced Order (10 copies), including Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal. A copy of the Fee(s) Transmittal is attached herein as Exhibit A. Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO issue and publish this Application as a United States patent.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The Examiner to whom this Application is assigned issued a Supplemental Notice of Allowability on February 3, 2005. In the February 3, 2005 Supplemental Notice of Allowability, the Examiner states the following as his reason(s) for the allowance of U.S. Serial No. 10/616,417, filed July 9, 2003 ('417 application):

[T]he prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a slide assembly in association with a pop-up and roll-back assembly, wherein the slide assembly includes a lever, slider, slider spring and lid frame and the pop-up and roll-back assembly includes two separate motions, one vertical and the other pivotal.

Applicants respectfully maintain that the Examiner's reasons for allowance of the allowed claims refer only to an aspect of Applicants' invention as disclosed in the '417 application. Other subject matters were also disclosed in the '417 application, and will be pursued in a later-filed continuation application(s). The later-filed continuation application(s) may claim:

- (1) Other subject matters or embodiments disclosed in this Application, but not covered by the allowed claims of this Application; and/or

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- (2) Subject matters which have been canceled without prejudice during the prosecution of this Application; and/or
- (3) Other subject matters which were not examined during the prosecution of this Application.

Conclusion

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee other than the FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,400.00) Issue Fee, THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) Publication Fee, and THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) Advanced Order fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop ISSUE FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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